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House Bill 5547

Sponsor: Rep. Scott Hummel

Committee: Redistricting and Elections

Complete to 2-25-02

A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 5547 AS INTRODUCED 12-21-01

The bill would amend Public Act 59 of 1935, which deals with the Michigan State Police, to repeal Section 10, which reads as follows:

The commissioner and all members of the department, officers and civilian employees, are hereby prohibited from taking part in any political campaign or soliciting support through votes or money for any candidate for nomination or for election or for appointment to any public office and violation of the provisions . . . shall be sufficient for the removal of the commissioner or officer or discharge of the employee . . . Provided, that nothing . . . shall be deemed to interfere with the right of any member of [the] department to vote for any candidate and upon any issue as his reason and conscience may dictate.

MCL 28.10

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